Dear Parent/Guardian ~

We wanted to inform you that there has been a lice incident at your child’s school. Administration and Health Services are aware of the situation and have taken the necessary precautions for all students in the building. Below outlines our District procedures and also some helpful information regarding lice and how to treat it at home. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Services Department at 717-261-3426.

**District Procedures:**

The following procedures have been implemented due to active (live) lice being identified:

- The parent/guardian was contacted and made aware of the head lice.
- The student was NOT excluded from school/class. Parents/Guardians, however, did have the choice to pick up their child from school.
- The student was transported home at the end of the school day as usual (if parent/guardian) did not pick up their child.
- The school nurse provided information to the parent/guardian regarding treatment.
- If there are other members of the household in other schools within the district, those nurses will be contacted to check the sibling as well.

**Information/Tips:**

The following provides some helpful information and tips, not an extensive list, regarding lice and how to treat an infestation. Additional information can be found at [https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/Environmental.aspx](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/Environmental.aspx)

- Head lice are not considered a medical or public health hazard and are not known to spread disease. They are, however, an annoyance that can cause itching and loss of sleep.
- Head lice move by crawling; they **cannot** hop or fly. Thus, head lice are spread through direct contact with the hair of an infested person. Consequently, students with an active infestation are **not** excluded from school.
- It is uncommon for head lice to be spread by contact with clothing, such as hats, scarves, or coats or other personal items, such as combs, brushes, or towels.
- Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has **nothing** to do with getting head lice.
- Sources of infestation may include home, camps, and slumber parties (sleepovers).
- Parents/Guardians can take an active role in checking for head lice every two (2) weeks through the school year.
- Treatment for head lice is recommended for persons diagnosed with an active infestation. All household members and other close contacts should be checked.
- In treating an active infestation, carefully following instructions provided with the treatment medicine, which can either be over-the-counter or prescribed.
- Machine wash and dry clothing, bed linens, and other items that may have been used/worn during the two (2) days before treatment. The water should be at least 130 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Vacuum furniture and floors.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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